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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A composition ~~[[of]]~~ comprising: an *Epimedium* extract ~~[[s]] comprising for use in the treatment of prostatic hyperplasia wherein the extract comprises flavones and polysaccharides in a ratio~~ ~~[[s]] varied of~~ from 2:8 to 8:2 by weight ~~[[which]] of the composition are used in treatment of prostatic hyperplasia, [[and]] wherein the total flavones of the extract~~ ~~[[s]] are in the range~~ ~~[[of]] from 20%~~ ~~[[to]] 90%, and the molecular weight~~ ~~[[s]] of extract~~ ~~[[ed]] polysaccharides~~ ~~[[vary]]~~ ranges from 1,000 to 700,000 Daltons.

2. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the ratio ~~[[s]] of the flavones~~ ~~[[and]] to the polysaccharides~~ ~~[[are]] is from~~ about 3:7 to 6:4 by weight of the composition, and wherein ~~[[said]] the~~ total flavones comprise 10% ~~[[to]] 90% of icariin and icariin I, and the molecular weight~~ ~~[[s]] of the extract~~ ~~[[ed]] polysaccharides~~ ~~[[vary]]~~ ranges from 45,000 to 620,000 Daltons.

3. (Currently Amended) A method of *Epimedium* herb extraction comprising the steps of:

adding an *Epimedium* herb to an absorption column,

extracting a sufficient quantity of the *Epimedium* herb with a solution containing 60% ~~[[to]] 95% of an organic solvent, recovering the organic solvent from a filtrate, adding onto the Absorptive Resin (D₄₀₄ or D₄₄₀) Column, and then subsequently washing the column with water, eluting the column with 30-85% ethanol and recovering the eluent by suction filtration, collecting all the eluent and evaporating to dryness, wherein the total flavones in the *Epimedium* elute residue are about 20% ~~[[to]] 90%,~~~~

decocting the *Epimedium* residue with water and concentrating the aqueous solution, ~~adjusting with a quantity of~~ with ethanol to a ~~content concentration~~ of 70%~~[[]]~~ to 85%, ~~and standing still for a while~~, filtering to obtain ~~[[the]]~~ crude polysaccharides, dissolving the polysaccharides in water and adding chloroform n-butanol mixture (3-6:1) to precipitate protein debris, removing any polysaccharides having a molecular weight below 1000 Daltons by ultra filtration, concentrating the aqueous extract to dryness and ~~obtain~~ obtaining polysaccharides ~~[[of]]~~ having a molecular weight of from 1,000 to 700,000 Daltons, and

mixing the extracted *Epimedium* flavones and the polysaccharides to obtain ~~combinations in a ratio[[s]] of~~ from 2:8 to 8:2 by weight of the composition.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the extract comprises *Epimedium* flavones and polysaccharides in a ratio[[s]] from 3:7 to 6:4 by weight of composition, and wherein the ~~60-95% extraction~~ organic solvent ~~used in the extraction process contains~~ comprises ethanol, propanone, isopropyl alcohol ~~[[and /]]~~ or methanol, or combinations thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the total flavones of the extract comprises 10-90% icariin and icariin I, following the *Epimedium* polysaccharides extraction protocol the crude polysaccharides is redissolved in water, adding a sufficient quantity of ethanol to ~~make up the~~ obtain a final concentration of 70%~~[[]]~~ to 85%, ~~standing still for a while~~ and harvesting the refined polysaccharides by filtration, and wherein the molecular weight of polysaccharides ~~lies within~~ ranges from 45,000 to 620,000 Daltons.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the ~~combinations~~ ratio of flavones to polysaccharides ~~mixture~~ ~~are in ratio of~~ is 3:7, 4:6, 5:5, 6:4 or 7:3, and wherein ~~[[these]]~~ the combinations ratios can be used alone or with any pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle/ excipients.

7. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition used in treatment of prostatic hyperplasia and prostatitis, characterized in that the pharmaceutical composition comprises Radix Ginseng, pollens, Radix Astragali, Cortex Phellodendri, *Epimedium* flavones and/ or *Epimedium* polysaccharides.

8. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 7, comprising:

- a. 1-6 portion by weight of ginseng extract containing 6-10% ginsenoside;
- b. 1-8 portion by weight of pollen/ pollen extract containing 10-20% flavones;
- c. 1-4 portion by weight of radix astragali extract containing 3-5% astragaloside and 20-30% polysaccharides;
- d. 1-6 portion by weight of cortex phellodendri extract containing 10-15% berberine; and
- e. 4-16 portion by weight of *Epimedium* flavones containing 20-90% flavones and / or *Epimedium* polysaccharides

9. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 8, wherein comprises by weight: 1-2 portion of ginseng extract, 2-4 portions of pollen or pollen extract, 1-2 portion of radix astragali extract, 1-2 portion of cortex phellodendri extract and 5-10 portions of *Epimedium* flavones and / or *Epimedium* polysaccharides.

10. (Withdrawn) The formulation of claim 7, mixed with any pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle/ excipients to formulate various preparations in different dosage forms.

11. (Withdrawn) The formulation of claim 8, mixed with any pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle/ excipients to formulate various preparations in different dosage forms.

12. (Withdrawn) The formulation of claim 9, mixed with any pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle/ excipients to formulate various preparations in different dosage forms.

13. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is free of polysaccharides having a molecular weight below 1,000 Daltons.

14. (New) The composition of claim 2, wherein the composition is free of polysaccharides having a molecular weight below 1,000 Daltons.